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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

DANIEL C. WESTGATE

Selectmen

CHARLES H. PETERSON WILLIAM H. SKINNER
EXOM O. EATON

Town Clerk

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN

Town Treasurer

EDWIN G. KENYON

Tax Collector

SAMUEL W. CLARK

Supervisors of the Checklist

FRANK L. FRENCH ALBERT K. READ
GEORGE S. RUGGLES

School Board

DANIEL C. WESTGATE LYDIA S. PENNIMAN
EMMA A. MOULTON

Board of Health

EDWIN G. KENYON NATHAN R. ANDREWS

Library Trustees

L. S. KENYON MARION EASTMAN
DELIA S. MORGAN

District Treasurer

DANIEL C. WESTGATE

Auditors

ROBERT R. PENNIMAN WESLEY W. JORDAN

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in Plainfield, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article I. To choose a town clerk, three selectmen, treasurer, collector, highway surveyors, prosecuting liquor agent, one library trustee for two years, one library trustee for three years, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

II. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding notes and interest, and other necessary town expenses for the ensuing year.

III. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of highway and bridges, above the amount required by law for the ensuing year.

IV. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

V. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the school board for the ensuing year.

VI. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the expenses of Old Home Week.

VII. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise for the support of an annual free bed in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital; also appoint committees or make resolutions regarding the same.

VIII. To see if the town will vote to accept State highway aid the ensuing year and raise \$505.50 necessary in accepting the same.

IX. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of twenty-five (\$25) dollars contributed by several residents with the condition that the town raises a like amount for the purposes of preserving, purchasing, and planting trees along the highways of the town. The amount (\$50) if accepted and raised to be deposited with the Town Treasurer on subject to the order of the Tree Warden of the Town of Plainfield.

(By Request.)

X. To see if the town will vote to raise or hire the sum of \$15,000 to defray the expense or any part thereof for constructing a bridge over the Connecticut river between the towns of Plainfield, N. H., and Hartland, Vt., at a place as near as may be to where a bridge formerly existed connecting the two towns.

(By Request.)

XI. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of the town hall at Plainfield.

XII. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay tuition at Kimball Union Academy.

XIII. To see if the town will elect a superintendent of highways at a salary of not more than \$20 yearly, whose duties it shall be to advise on permanent improvements of highways, to see that bridges are safe, and that road and bridge repairs are made reasonably and with economy.

(By Request.)

XIV. To see if the town will vote to dispense with a liquor agent for the ensuing year.

XV. To see if the town will vote to dispense with delivering inventory blanks until time of taking inventory.

XVI. To see what action the town will take in relation to the report of the town officers.

XVII. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 18th day of February, 1909.

CHAS. H. PETERSON,	}	Selectmen of Plainfield
WILLIAM H. SKINNER,		
EXOM O. EATON,		

A true copy of warrant attest.

CHAS. H. PETERSON,	}	Selectmen of Plainfield
WILLIAM H. SKINNER,		
EXOM O. EATON,		

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

INVENTORY OF TOWN TAKEN APRIL 1, 1908

Polls, 278	\$ 27,800
Real estate	444,690
Horses, 429	29,327
Oxen, 70	4,693
Cows, 813	19,810
Neat, 305	5,976
Buffaloes, 3	150
Sheep, 716	2,211
Hogs, 52	471
Fowls, 100	50
Carriages	855
Bank stock	9,000
Money at interest	28,529
Stock in trade	31 788
Mills	6,400
Total	\$611,750

AMOUNT OF TAX RAISED FOR ALL PURPOSES

State tax	\$1,050 00
County tax	1,593 06
Town tax	2,000 00
Highway tax	1,529 38
School board	100 00
Hospital	300 00
State aid	285 00
School tax	1,575 00
Schoolhouse repairs	100 00

Library tax	\$ 63 00
Town hall	200 00
Percentage	380 81

\$9,176 25

Rate, \$1.50

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 619 65
Total receipts during the year	11,627 15
	\$12,246 80

DISBURSEMENTS

Total disbursements during the year	\$11,643 97
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909	602 83
	\$12,246 80

DEBT

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1909	\$4,062 70
Assets	2,523 70
	\$1,539 00
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1909	\$4,498 31
Assets	2,814 45
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1909	\$1,683 86
Increase of balance during the year	\$144 86

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 619 65
Tax from collector	8,652 94
Savings bank tax	540 32
Library fund	118 44
Railroad tax	83 07
School fund	150 00
County paupers	521 02
Dependent soldier	29 15
Dog licenses	244 80

Land rent	\$ 66 65
State highway	308 78
A. E. Lang	60 75
Notes	800 00
Town halls	29 57
Miscellaneous	21 66

\$12,246 80

DISBURSEMENTS

Town officers	\$ 453 95
County poor	459 87
Dependent soldier	29 15
Town poor transient	1 25
Guide boards	40 25
Support of schools	2,419 16
Highways	1,688 32
Librarians	50 00
Town hall (repairs)	278 35
School board	100 00
District treasurer	10 00
Tuition at K. U. A.	900 00
Interest on debt	110 53
Schoolhouse repairs	100 00
School supplies	217 74
Hospital	300 00
County tax	1,593 06
State tax	1,050 00
Library tax	63 00
Interest on trust funds	36 00
State road	1,208 60
Dog orders	61 25
Cemeteries	16 31
Board of health	113 28
Miscellaneous	343 90

\$11,643 97

LIABILITIES

Outstanding notes and interest	\$3000 26
Lucy P. Chamberlain, cemetery fund	600 00
Interest on same	36 00
Westgate-Peterson, cemetery fund	150 00
Interest on same	24 00
Appropriation for permanent highways	21 52
Dog fund	183 55
M. G. Penniman, services as clerk	25 00
E. G. Kenyon " treasurer	40 00
C. H. Peterson " selectman	85 00
W. H. Skinner " "	46 00
E. O. Eaton " "	51 00
Overseers of poor	25 98
S. W. Clark, services as collector	100 00
School board	100 00
D. C. Westgate, district treasurer	10 00
	\$4498 31

ASSETS

Due from county Feb. 15, 1909	\$ 66 65
state highway fund	8 61
O. A. Stearns, land rent	17 25
Harry L. Duncan, land rent	12 75
H. W. Chellis “	13 34
Isabella T. Greene “	1 50
D. N. Moulton “	2 50
S. W. Clark, collector 1905	29 33
“ “ 1906	132 23
“ “ 1907	452 14
“ “ 1908	1475 32
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909	602 83
	\$2814 45

Respectfully submitted

CHAS. H. PETERSON	}	Selectmen
WILLIAM H. SKINNER		of
EXOM O. EATON		Plainfield

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO OVERSEERS OF POOR

DR.

To cash paid for support of county poor as follows :

Edith Alexander	\$ 27 00
Villa "	46 90
Vivian "	47 30
William Walker	37 62
Bertha Kimball	18 29
Maud Morse and family	17 68
Chas. French and wife	184 43
	\$379 22
Dependent soldier, B. W. Adams	\$ 29 15
Transient	1 25

, DISALLOWED BY COUNTY

Chas. French and wife	\$8 00
Gardner Gale	6 00
	\$ 14 00

CR.

By orders on town treasurer for support of paupers \$490.27
Due from county Feb. 15, 1909 for support as follows :

Villa Alexander	\$14 50
Edith "	6 50
Vivian "	14 30
William Walker	13 35
Maud Morse and family	5 00
B. W. Adams, dependent soldier	13 00

Respectfully submitted

CHAS. H. PETERSON }
EXOM O. EATON } Overseers of Poor

DOG REPORT

Received from town clerk for licenses		\$244 80
Paid C. H. Daniels, for damages	\$5 00	
Geo. Hanchett "	6 00	
Geo. W. Smith "	3 00	
D. F. Jordan "	12 00	
Winston Churchill "	5 00	
W. W. Freeman "	5 00	
W. O. Kenyon "	6 00	
E. R. Miller, constable fees	6 75	
H. C. Daniels "	2 50	
C. H. Peterson, examination	5 00	
W. H. Skinner "	5 00	
		\$ 61 25
Balance in treasury		\$183 55

Respectfully submitted,

EXOM O. EATON, Selectman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

	Dr.	
Cash received for licenses		\$269 00
	Cr.	
Cash paid Town Treasurer		\$244 80
Fees on 121 dogs		24 20
		\$269 00

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, Town Clerk

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT

Due from Collector's 1904 book		\$15 47
Collected	\$13 47	
Abated	2 00	
	— — —	\$15 47
Due from Collector's 1905 book		79 70
Collected	\$40 16	
Abated	10 21	
Now due	29 33	
	— — —	\$79 70
Due from Collector's 1906 book		\$335 65
Collected	\$181 66	
Abated	21 76	
Now due	132 23	
	— — —	\$335 65
Due from Collector's 1907 book		1232 73
Collected	\$749 92	
Abated	30 67	
Now due	452 14	
	— — —	\$1232 73
Amount on Collector's 1908 book		9176 25
Collected	\$7665 83	
Abated	35 10	
Now due	1475 32	
	— — —	\$9176 25
Interest on above books		1 90

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. CLARK, Collector

TRUST FUNDS

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN CEMETERY FUND

Fund in town treasury	\$600 00
To one year's interest	36 00

CR.

By cash paid for labor and material	\$34 04
Remaining in hands of trustee	1 96
	————\$36 00

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN, Trustee

CLARA FREEMAN CEMETERY FUND

Fund in Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$147 03
Received of Sullivan Savings Inst.	12 22
Accrued interest	15 74

WILLIS K. DANIELS, Trustee

CYRUS SMITH FUND

Fund in town treasury	\$50 00
Cash paid for care of lot	2 50

O. V. EASTMAN, Trustee

JUNIUS A. SPENCER FUND

Fund in town treasury	\$300 00
Cash paid for care of lot	1 00

SELECTMEN, Trustees

ESTHER F. WRIGHT FUND

Amount in town treasury	\$100 00
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JOHN W. PETERSON, Trustee

WESTGATE-PETERSON CEMETERY FUND

Fund in town treasury	\$150 00
Interest due	24 00

JOHN W. PETERSON, Trustee

SOPHIA R. BAKER CEMETERY FUND

Amount in town treasury \$150 00

SELECTMEN, Trustees

ELIJAH W. BURNAP TRUST FUND

Fund in the W. R. Junction National Bank \$2750 80

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Amount raised by law	\$1529 38
Set aside for state road by law	570 00
For general repair of highways	\$959 38

DR.

By orders on town treasurer	\$1689 82
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CR.

Paid for labor	\$1273 70
" lumber	369 77
" tile and tubing	44 85
" plow	1 50
Deficit	\$730 44

STATE ROAD

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT

	Bal. 1907	1908	Total
Town contribution	\$59 34	\$570	\$629 34
" " extra		285	285 00
	\$59 34	\$855	\$914 34
State contribution	23 71	342	365 71
	\$83 05	\$1197	\$1280 05

DR.

By order on town treasurer	\$1208 60
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CR.

Paid for labor and material, East part	\$598 08
" West part	603 52
Turned back to treasurer	7 00
	\$1208 60

Town disbursements approved		\$1201 60
State " "		48 32
		\$1249 92
Paid by state to town	\$308 78	
Balance in town treasury		\$21 52
" " state treasury		8 61
Total unexpended balance		30 13
		\$1280 05

JANITOR'S REPORT TOWN HALL (MERIDEN)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909

RECEIPTS

Dances	\$ 6 00	
J. C. Armond's Medicine Co.	10 00	
Warming hall for court	1 00	
Lectures	4 50	
		\$21 50

EXPENDITURES

Oil	\$ 1 96	
Putting up booths	1 00	
Sawing wood	50	
Janitor's per cent	10 75	
		\$14 21

Balance turned into town treasury	\$7 29
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Respectfully submitted,

FRED FREEMAN, Janitor

JANITOR'S REPORT TOWN HALL (PLAIN)

RECEIPTS

15 dances at \$2 25	\$33 75	
2 dances at \$1.50 and \$2.00	3 50	
7 card parties	14 00	
5 lectures	11 00	
1 drama	3 00	
M & D entertainment	2 00	
Christmas	1 00	
		\$68 25

EXPENDITURES

Stove wood furnished	\$ 75	
J. W. Spalding, sawing wood and drawing	2 00	
Putty, window glass and setting same	2 25	
1 hand lamp	40	
2 lamp chimneys	50	
1 broom	35	
35 gallons oil	4 20	
10 " "	1 40	
Janitor's per cent	34 12	
		\$45 97

Balance turned into town treasury	\$22 28
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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. KENYON, Janitor

FREE BED IN MARY HITCHCOCK HOSPITAL

From Jan. 1, 1908 to Jan. 1, 1909, the Plainfield Free Bed has been occupied by 12 people, the number of days of occupancy being 221.

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

E. G. KENYON, Treasurer

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1908	\$619 65
Received Morris G. Penniman, dog licenses	244 80
from county for support of paupers	521 02
" dependent soldiers	29 15
Jonas Goodwin, land rent	19 50
Mrs. F. A. Jordan, land rent	5 00
Frank Jenney "	9 16
Elmer E. Wheeler "	13 33
Dennis W. Cross "	11 66
L. E. Shipman "	8 00
Windsor Trust Co., on notes given by selectmen	800 00
Windsor Trust Co., interest on deposits	10 06
D. C. Westgate, J. P. fine in C. Sleeper case	3 00
C. H. Peterson, part of state aid for high- ways	160 51
A. E. Lang, half expense of completing state road of last year	60 75
C. H. Peterson, overdrawn state highway order	7 00
C. H. Peterson, selectman state aid	148 27
Mrs. L. M. Lewin, 1 barrel of lime	1 60
Fred Freeman, janitor town hall Meriden	7 29
E. G. Kenyon " Plain	22 28
S. W. Clark, collector 1904	13 47
" 1905	40 16
" 1906	181 66
" 1907	749 92
" 1908	7665 83

Received S. W. Clark, collector, interest	\$ 1 90
S. A. Carter, state railroad tax	83 07
" savings bank tax	540 32
" literary fund	118 44
" school fund	150 00

Total receipts for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909 \$12,246 80

PAID ORDERS FROM SELECTMEN AS FOLLOWS:

Morris G. Penniman, town clerk	\$ 25 00
Edwin G. Kenyon, town treasurer	40 00
Wesley W. Jordan, selectman	80 00
Chas. H. Peterson "	64 00
Fred A. Rogers "	56 00
Wesley W. Jordan, overseer of poor	19 00
Samuel W. Clark, tax collector	100 00
Daniel C. Westgate, for school board	100 00
" district treasurer	10 00
Fred A. Rogers, services as selectman after 1907 settlement	4 00
Chas. A. Tracy, tuition winter term 1907-1908	276 00
W. W. Jordan, services as selectman after 1907 settlement	7 95
F. A. Musgrove, printing town reports	38 00
Eliza Manchester, interest on note	65 53
Morse & Mason, lamps for town hall Meriden	13 00
R. H. Penniman, interest on note	35 00
Martha M. Smith "	10 00
Exom O. Eaton, overtax 1907	3 00
E. C. Eastman, town officers' supplies	2 25
Lucy P. Chamberlain, interest of cemetery fund	36 00
Daniel C. Westgate, schoolhouse repairs	100 00
Chas. A. Tracy, tuition spring term	240 00
Boston Regalia Co., for flags and ropes	15 00
Chas. H. Peterson, copying invoice	3 00
Lettie S. Kenyon, services as librarian	25 00

Wm. H. Sisson, insuring town hall Plain	\$31 50
A. L. Hall, abstracts of transfers	4 16
C. M. Sleeper, damage to carriage on highway	10 00
M. M. Howard, painting guide boards	25 00
Chas. H. Peterson, overseer of poor	45 14
E. O. Eaton, support of paupers	50 00
“ guide boards	6 00
Chas. H. Peterson, repairs on town hall Plain	278 35
D. C. Westgate, county treasurer part of county tax	500 00
Ida F. Shepard, free bed in hospital Hanover	300 00
N. R. Andrews, formaldehyde	55 50
Lettie S. Kenyon, library fund	63 00
E. H. Dickey, moving blocking for town hall	2 00
M. M. Howard, balance painting guide boards	1 25
Marion Eastman, services as librarian Meriden	25 00
F. L. French, services as supervisor 2 years	18 00
Frank Corey, ballot inspector	2 00
A. K. Read, services as supervisor	18 00
G. S. Rugeles “	16 00
Mrs. Fred Freeman, entertainment town officers	5 50
Harry S. Reed, overtax	75
E. O. Eaton, support of paupers	226 19
C. H. Peterson “	104 97
Sam'l E. Pingree, services and expense special town meeting '07	5 00
C. A. Tracy, tuition fall term	384 00
G. H. Moore, labor putting in shelves library room Meriden	2 40
E. R. Miller, truant officer	11 75
D. C. Westgate, county treas. balance county tax	1093 06
“ school supplies	200 00
C. H. Peterson, putting up new guide boards	4 00
W. H. Skinner, putting up posts and guide boards	4 00
C. H. Peterson, wood for town hall Plain	5 00
S. A. Carter, state tax	1,050 00
C. H. Fitch, pulp plaster	1 95

Fred Moulton, overtax	\$ 7 50
E. L. Huse, returning births and deaths	3 00
N. R. Andrews, services and expenses as board of health	27 30
E. L. Huse, services and expenses as board of health	27 68
F. A. Rogers, overtax	6 00
Fred Freeman, wood for town hall Meriden	5 00
M. G. Penniman, for dog license blanks	1 25
M. G. Penniman, recording and returning births, marriages, and deaths	5 55
I. N. Fowler, M.D., returning births and deaths	2 25
O. V. Eastman, care Cyrus Smith lot in cemetery	2 50
O. C. Davis, watering trough two years	3 00
Mrs. B. F. Manchester, watering trough two years	3 00
D. N. Moulton, 2 watering troughs	4 00
J. P. Cuddy, watering trough	1 00
C. S. Burr, services as hearse driver	32 00
David Emery, watering trough	2 50
F. W. True, services as auditor	2 00
“ “ ballot clerk	2 00
E. O. Eaton, support paupers	20 57
S. W. Clark, watering trough	2 00
Arthur Densmore, watering trough	3 00
S. W. Clark, care of Spencer lot	1 00
D. C. Westgate, school supplies	17 74
“ services as moderator 2 years	6 00
E. G. Kenyon, services as board of health	2 80
E. G. Kenyon, repairs on town hall Plain	13 61
H. C. Daniels, watering trough	1 50
C. H. Peterson, support of paupers	43 40
Selectmen, postage, telephoning, sundries etc.	26 77
H. W. Parker, retaining fee and services	32 98
S. W. Clark, (C. N. Hebard, counsel)	3 30
D. F. Jordan, pass over land	5 00
R. H. Penniman, watering trough	1 50

S. W. Clark, expense of advertising and personal services	\$ 1 16
C. A. Williams, wood for town hall Plain	4 50
A. L. Hall, copying records	1 00
R. R. Penniman, services as auditor	2 00
Fred Moulton, labor and fertilizer in E. Plainfield cemetery	12 81
H. W. Plummer, repairing flag poles	5 45
S. W. Clark, expenses of advertising and personal services	2 32

HIGHWAY ORDERS

H. C. Daniels	\$ 1 80
A. L. Hadley	17 85
D. F. Jordan, lumber for highway	5 75
Eber M. Dean	9 52
E. M. Dean	5 33
Chas. E. Curtis	12 80
C. C. Cobb	6 65
F. E. Jenney	1 00
N. R. Andrews	4 40
A. L. Hadley	50 00
L. C. Mason	75 00
F. A. Rogers, for plank	47 90
O. A. Stearns	11 25
C. H. Hersey	100 00
Elihue Slack	11 00
E. J. Moulton	100 00
A. L. Hadley	100 00
C. P. Camp	20 29
L. C. Mason	75 00
A. L. Hadley	60 00
N. R. Andrews	100 00
C. H. Peterson, state road	200 00
E. O. Eaton, state road	200 00
C. J. Mason, for plank	16 19

E. O. Eaton, labor on state road	\$ 22 60
E. O. Eaton, state road	200 00
C. H. Peterson, state road	200 00
W. W. Jordan, for plank	37 23
C. H. Peterson, state road	210 52
E. O. Eaton "	174 40
F. W. Smith, lumber for bridges	15 00
L. C. Mason	50 00
A. L. Hadley	60 75
Canton Bridge Co., Acme pipe for culvert	41 40
L. C. Mason, plank	59 02
H. C. Daniels, plank and labor	56 59
C. E. Eggleston, plank	45 00
E. O. Eaton, state road	1 08
G. M. Smith, damge to plow on highway	1 50
Geo. M. Smith	2 00
N. R. Andrews	19 53
C. P. Camp	3 75
Elihue Slack	6 65
E. J. Moulton	56 38
Chas. S. Hersey	51 02
Silsby Bros.	15 98
F. A. Rogers	26 25
Elbridge Dean	5 48
L. C. Mason	49 82
A. L. Hadley	215 50
J. H. Whitaker	1 66
D. F. Jordan	37 58

SCHOOL ORDERS

D. C. Westgate, Dist. Treasurer	\$2,419 16
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DOG ORDERS

E. R. Miller, services as constable	\$6 75
C. H. Daniels	5 00
Geo. Hanchett	6 00

H. C. Daniels, services as constable	\$ 2 50
Geo. W. Smith	3 00
D. F. Jordan	12 00
Winston Churchill	5 00
C. H. Peterson, examinations	5 00
W. H. Skinner	5 00
W. W. Freeman	5 00
W. O. Kenyon	6 00
Total amount of disbursements	\$11,643 97
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1909	602 83
	\$12,246 80
Total amount receipts, Feb. 15, 1909	\$12,246 80

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. KENYON, Treas.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Plainfield, have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, selectmen, and other agents of the town, also the accounts of the treasurer of the school district of the town of Plainfield, and find the same property vouched and correctly cast.

WESLEY W. JORDAN }
FRANK W. TRUE } Auditors

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The library trustees would again respectfully submit the following as their report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909:

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 1 67
Received on selectmen's order	63 00
" for fines and use of books by non-residents	8 33
	\$73 00
Paid for 75 books	\$67 65
" express	2 25
" postage, mucilage, and blank book	1 58
	\$71 48
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1909	\$1 52

Ninety-five books have been added to the library during the year—of these ten volumes of Persian Literature were given by Robert Barrett; eight volumes, masterpieces from the world's best literature, from some unknown friend; "Suggestions on Home Nursing," given by Mrs. C. S. Davidge; "Hiram Golf's Religion" from Rev. C. C. Carpenter; Granite State Monthly 1906-07 from Mrs. Rosa Roberts; Report of American Bison Society from Ernest Harold Baynes. The above gifts are fully appreciated by your trustees.

LETTIE S. KENYON	}	Trustees
MARION EASTMAN		
DELIA S. MORGAN		

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

No. 1626	Mr. Crewe's Career	(Meriden)	Winston Churchill
1627	"	(Plain)	"
1628	The Shuttle		Frances Burnett
1629	The Life Worth Living		Thomas Dixon
1630	The White Fang		Jack London
1631	Four Boys in the Land of Cotton		Tomlinson
1632	God Wills It		Wm. S. Davis
1633	Days Off		Van Dyke
1634	Together		Robert Herrick
1635	The Pendleton Twins		E. M. Jameson
1636	The Golden Ladder		Margaret Potter
1637	The Prince and the Pauper		Mark Twain
1638	The Firing Line		Chambers
1639	Mam' Linda		Will N. Harben
1640	Col. Carter of Cartersville		H. Smith
1641	Gleam-o'-Dawn		Arthur Goodrich
1642	The Shoulders of Atlas		M. E. W. Freeman
1643	Dorothy Dainty at Home		Amy Brooks
1644	The Country School		Clifton Johnson
1645	In Old School-days		Will Carleton
1646	Little Girl in Old Baltimore		Amanda Douglass
1647	The Barrier		Rex Beach
1648	The Old Peabody Pew		K. D. Wiggin
1649	Four Boys on the Mississippi		Tomlinson
1650	In Trust		A. Douglass
1651	Rosalind at Red Gate		M. Nicholson
1652	Lady of the Decoration		Frances Little
1653	Randy's Prince		Amy Brooks
1654	Paul Prescott's Charge		Alger
1655 to 1664 inclusive	—Persian Literature		
1665	The Children of the Arctic		Josephine Peary
1666	Arizona Nights		Stewart White
1667	Soldiers of Fortune		R. H. Davis
1668	Calumet K.		Merwin Webster

No. 1669	Peter's Mother	Mrs. De la Pasture
1670	The Weavers	Gilbert Parker
1671	Flower of the Dusk	Myrtle Reed
1672	Castle Craneycrow	G. B. McCutcheon
1673	Little Women	Alcott
1674	Little Men	"
1675	Peter	Hopkinson Smith
1676	The Farmer's Boy	Clifton Johnson
1677	Timothy's Quest	K. D. Wiggin
1678	Myrtle Baldwin	C. C. Munn
1679	A Horse's Tale	Mark Twain
1680	Old Indian Days	Dr. C. A. Eastman
1681	Indian Boyhood	"
1682	Dr. Luke of the Labrador	Norman Duncan
1683	R. J's Mother	M. Deland
1684	The Spoilers	Rex Beach
1685	Uncle Remus	Joel Chandler Harris
1686	Zelda Dameron	Meredith Nicholson
1687	New England Girlhood	Larcom
1688	Facing the World	Alger
1689	Fair Margaret	Crawford
1690	Prima Donna	"
1691	Andy Grant's Pluck	Alger
1692	The Shepherd of the Hills	Harold B. Wright
1693	True Story of U. S. Grant	Brooks
1694	Tho' Life Us Do Part	E. S. Phelps
1695	Ben Logan's Triumph	Alger
1696	Camping and Tramping with Roosevelt	Burroughs
1697	Little Brown Jug of Kildare	Nicholson
1698	The Trail of the Lonesome Pine	J. Fox
1699	Aesop's Fables	
1700	Strive and Succeed	Alger
1701	The Young Explorer	"
1702	The Young Adventurer	"
1703	Mayflower	H. B. Stowe
1704	Suggestions on Home Nursing	Ellen Wood

No. 1705	The Woman in the Alcove	A. K. Green
1706	Lewis Rand	Mary Johnston
1707 to 1714	inclusive— Masterpieces from the World's Best Literature	
1715	Hiram Golf's Religion	G. H. Hepworth
1716	The Kentuckian	James B. Naylor
1717	Yarb and Cretine	Geo. B. H. Swayse
1718	The Wooing of Calvin Parks	Laura Richards
1719	The Leaven of Love	Clara Louise Burnham
1720	St. Elmo	Augusta J. Evans

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Plainfield:

We respectfully submit the following report of the management of the town schools for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909.

We are pleased to report a successful year of school work and believe that progress has been made in all of our schools, that will compare favorably with previous years.

The district having voted to authorize the school board to enter a supervisory district when a favorable opportunity presented itself, it was thought best at the beginning of the fall term to unite with Lebanon in forming the Lebanon-Plainfield supervisory district, with Thomas A. Roberts of Lebanon, as superintendent. The expense to Plainfield is three hundred dollars per year, one half of which is paid by the state.

A larger amount than usual has been expended in supplies, but the schools are now so well supplied that the expense will be less the coming year.

The repair fund has all been expended, and a small amount taken from the school fund. The Meriden and Penniman school buildings have been reshingled, and necessary repairs made at Methodist Hill.

Our schools have been in session on an average of thirty-one weeks. The Hersey school has had two terms of ten weeks each.

Following will be found the table of statistics, roll of honor and treasurer's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. WESTGATE,	} School Board of Plainfield
LYDIA S. PENNIMAN,	
EMMA A. MOULTON,	

ROLL OF HONOR

One term—Eli Stearns, Willie Talbert, Marion Cook, Winnie Cook, Mildred Talbert, Florence Wilmot, Perley Coutremarsh, Cora Goodwin, Freddie Dean, Albert E. Harrington, Clyde R. Harrington, Rose W. Cook, Hazel Freeman, Flora Kimball, Doris K. Sanborn, Hazel Cutts, Raymond Cutts, Benjamin Smith, Roy C. Smith, Harry Smith, Rosabell Hill, Eva Hill, Eleanor Hill, Hall Peterson, Daisy Corliss, Hazel French, Marguerite Lewin, Gladys Roberts, Dora Sturtevant, Marian Kimball, Marian A. West, Clinton Smith.

Two terms—James Cook, Robert Cook, Fred O. Stearns, Bernice Cook, Sophronia R. Smith, Florence Mason, Fred A. Rogers, Jr., Pearl M. Dean, Tracy Spaulding, Freeman Spaulding, Chester Kimball.

Three terms—Bert E. Dean, Ella Ragan, Villa D. Alexander, Addie M. Rogers, Gordon Plummer.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

School	Term	Teacher	No. of Pupils	Wages per month	Length in wks.
E. Plainf'd	Spring	Clara Bryant	22	\$28	11
	Fall	{ Florence Freeman	20	28	8
		{ Agnes Barden		28	3
	Winter	Marion S. Cole	13	28	10
Meriden	Spring	Bernice E. Jordan	26	34	9
	Fall	Gerty L. Wood	27	34	12
	Winter	"	25	34	10
Penniman	Spring	Frances M. Sanborn	8	26	8
	Fall	Austin W. Burr	8	24	12
	Winter	"	10	26	8
Spencer	Spring	Ruth H. Lewis	11	24	10
	Fall	Grace Barden	18	28	11
	Winter	"	14	32	10
Plain	Spring	Gerty L. Wood	25	34	10
	Fall	Bernice E. Jordan	21	34	12
	Winter	Bertha Hammond	21	34	10
Brook	Spring	H. Gertrude Willard	8	26	10
	Fall	Josephine Huntoon	14	28	12
	Winter	"	10	28	10
Hersey	Spring	S. Bernice Kimball	7	22	10
	Fall	"	9	22	10

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

SCHOOL MONEY

Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 48 90
town treasury Feb. 15, 1908	400 00
required to be raised by law	1575 00
land rent	80 24
literary fund	118 44
dog tax	20 48
from state pro. part school fund	150 00
raised for supervision	75 00
interest	2 36
Total	\$2470 42

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 48 90
Received from town treasurer on order of	
selectmen	2419 16
Interest	2 36
	\$2470 42

EXPENDITURES

Paid teachers	\$1491 00
transportation	147 80
janitor service	38 55
wood	78 75
cleaning	18 50
Cornish tuition five terms	39 75
music	123 96
salary of superintendent	200 00
used for repairs	21 39
miscellaneous	48 24
	\$2207 94

Total amount receipts	\$2470 42
“ expenditures	2207 94
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	\$ 262 48

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Received from town treasurer on order of selectmen \$217 74

EXPENDITURES

Paid for text books and supplies \$217 74

REPAIR FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance unexpended last year \$ 42 47

Received from town treasurer on order
of selectmen 100 00

Used of school money 21 39

\$ 163 86

EXPENDITURES

Paid for repairs on school buildings \$ 163 86

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL C. WESTGATE, District Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

While there are many who are convinced that supervision is incomparably the most economical method of securing results in schools which has been yet devised, there are others who have expressed a desire, in a perfectly sincere manner, to obtain information that they, too, might be convinced of its advantages. I can give no clearer or more concise statements on this matter than those made by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. H. C. Morrison:

Among the advantages of supervision may be named:

1. Organization under responsible, experienced, expert head,—a necessity in all modern enterprise.
2. Relief of School Board from detail of the professional side of school work.
3. Separation of executive and legislative functions, the executive still being under control of the legislative.
4. Professional advice for teachers and School Board.
5. The possibility of exact, authoritative, unprejudiced information for the board concerning every-day work.
6. Professional uplift of teaching force, making a poor teacher a fair one and a good teacher a better one.
7. Steady growth in schools, along lines of permanency in course of study and methods of work, in the place of frequent radical changes and consequent stagnation.
8. The ability of the superintendent to keep track of desirable teachers outside his own schools and so to fill vacancies with better teachers rather than poorer ones.

None of these things can the ordinary board do for lack of time and available energy. They of necessity have other business and other interests.

Plainfield has had, as it has now, good schools. There have gone out from its public schools a large number of men and women of whom it may well feel proud. Plain-

field has been progressive, and its schools have been made better each year from the time of the first little red school-house. The fact that the citizens voted for supervision is only another proof that they wished to continue this progressive policy. It cannot be denied that the tendency of the times is certainly in the direction of a business-like organization of our local school systems. Nearly 70 per cent of the children of the state are now included in supervisory districts.

It may be interesting for the citizens of the town to learn that upon the passage of a bill now before the state legislature, Plainfield by raising \$4.50 per thousand on its equalized valuation for school purposes, which may include that for new buildings, may secure about a thousand dollars from the equalization fund to be created by this enactment. Supervision then, on the present basis, would cost the town only fifty to seventy-five dollars per year. The school year could thus be made thirty-six weeks and each teacher could be paid at least ten dollars per week, making it possible to secure a trained teacher for every school. A good balance, too, would be left for new buildings or repairs, and school equipments. The present rate in Plainfield is about \$2.60 per thousand on an equalized valuation of about \$600,000. Of the 257 cities and towns of the state 247 have a higher rate than Plainfield, the average being \$4.50. About \$1,200 would have to be raised in addition to the amount now being raised to make the rate \$4.50 per thousand, and thus secure the thousand dollars or more from the proposed equalization fund. It is commonly supposed that each town really raises its share of this equalization fund, but while the cities and large towns with their large taxable property contribute to the school equalization fund, which includes that for supervision, they do not participate in its distribution, thus putting the schools of the small towns on a more equal basis.

The work of the present school year has been largely

that of organization. We have endeavored to classify our pupils in grades so that they could follow to best advantage the work as planned by the State Program.

At the beginning of the year we found in some schools that there was a lack of uniformity in the school work, that while excellent results were being secured in many subjects, these subjects were being selected according to the preferences of either the teachers or the pupils. Under such conditions it is found, with but few exceptions, that two very important courses, History and Language, are neglected. The results which have been obtained by the teachers in Reading are especially commendable.

We have had in mind during the year those pupils who are preparing to enter the Academy, and have endeavored to give them the best fit possible. In so limited a time we cannot expect the most perfect results.

Your attention is called to the following:

SCHOOL.	Number Pupils Registered, Fall Terms.		Per Cent. Attendance, Fall Terms.	
	1907	1908	1907	1908
Meriden,	26	27	86.1	92.3
E. Plainfield,	8	20	76.7	88.0
Hersey,	9	7	83.1	85.0
Penniman,	7	8	87.0	78.9
Spencer,	8	18	83.8	94.5
Plains,	29	21	88.9	90.3
Brook,	12	14	84.2	97.0
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	99	115	Av. 84.2	Av. 89.4

Per cent of attendance shows the regularity of attendance of the pupils, or how many pupils on the basis of 100 attend every day. The above shows that in 1907, 84 pupils out of 100 attended every day during that fall term, and

that 89 attended school every day in 1908, a gain of 5 pupils. We believe that this proves that parents and pupils are taking a greater interest in the schools and that the school money is being expended to better advantage.

I wish to thank at this time the parents and citizens for the deep interest which they have manifested in the schools, the members of the school board for their hearty co-operation, the teachers for their faithfulness and friendly support, and the pupils for the diligence shown in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. ROBERTS, Superintendent

Births Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the year Ending Dec. 31, 1908

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Con.		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male	Female								
Feb. 4	Plainfield	Alric Winfield	M	L 2	Almaron Merrilnew	Bessie P. Moore	Plainfield	Farmer	New York	Plainfield	37 31	37 31
Mar. 18	Plainfield	Mary P	F	L 1	Louis E. Shipman	Ellen Biddle	Plainfield	Author	New York	Philadelphia	38 38	38 38
Apr. 30	Plainfield	Donald	M	L 4	Herbert Williams	Emma Gibson	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Plainfield	32 39	32 39
May 11	Plainfield		M	L 8	Fred A. Rogers	Addie Rounds	Plainfield	Farmer	Hartland, Vt.	Compton, P. O.	41 38	41 38
June 20	Plainfield	Gladys May	M	S 2	Frank Heyward	H. D. Penniman	Burlington, Vt.	Salesman	Plainfield	Plainfield	40 37	40 37
July 3	Plainfield		M	L 2	Isaac Bonner	Luella Sanborn	Plainfield	Stage Driv.	Vermont	Plainfield	38 34	38 34
July 27	Plainfield	Harold	M	L 2	Winnie Woodward	Mattie Crawford	Plainfield	Farmer	Lyme	Newport	28 26	28 26
Aug. 11	Plainfield	Walter	M	L 5	Maurice Talbert	Henrietta Fuller	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Hartford, Vt.	32 39	32 39
Aug. 12	Plainfield	Adaline	M	L 1	Scott West	Maude Woodward	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Holbrook, Mass.	38 36	38 36
Oct. 30	Plainfield	George	M	L 2	Walter Fadden	Lillian Fadden	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Lynn, Mass.	24 36	24 36
Dec. 25	Plainfield	Agnes Stella Irene	M	L 2	Joseph Coutermarsh	Theresa Daly	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Wethersfield, Vt.	44 26	44 26
			F	L 2	Frank Lucia	Elvira Jarvis	Plainfield	Laborer	Lebanon	Wethersfield, Vt.	28 22	28 22
			F	L 2	Fred Emery	Lena Woodward	Plainfield	Farmer	Lebanon	Lyme	26 23	26 23

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908

Date of Marriage 1908	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No of Marriage	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married
Feb. 7	Cornish	Clarence Bythrow	Plainfield	22	Carpenter	Lebanon	Charles Bythrow Lucy Nash	Winter, Vt. Plainfield	Painter Housekeeper	2	Thos. D. Davies Clergyman Cornish, N.Y.
June 19	Windsor Vt	Esther V. Mossey Hanson F. Nash	Plainfield Plainfield	16 45	Houseke'pr Gardener	Hartford, Vt. Plainfield	William Mossey Winnie Mossey Littlefield Nash Jane Walker	Plainfield	Laborer Housekeeper	1	Charles M. Coit Prot'stant Ep Ch Windsor, Vt.
Sept. 23	Meriden	Elizabeth G Ryan Alfred A. Vaughn	New York Bridg'wat'r Vt.	32 26	Merchant	Pondridge, Conn. Bridg'wat'r Vt.	John Ryan Elizabeth Currier Horace Vaughn	Scotland Bridgewater, Vt. Plymouth, N. H.	Merchant Housekeeper	2	H. N. Pfeiffer Clergyman Meriden, N.H.
Dec. 16	Meriden	Julia L. Parker Frank H. Daniels	Meriden Plainfield	18 25	Nurse Linesman	Bridg'wat'r Vt. Plainfield	Benj. Parker Gertrude Sargent Chas. Daniels	Rochester, Vt. Plainfield Albany, N. V.	Milliner Farmer Housewife	1	Stephen Huse Jr. Clergyman Meriden, N.H.
		Helen J. Sargent	Lebanon	21	Houseke'pr	Lebanon	Sarah French Andrew Sargent Mary Griffen	Lebanon	Railroad Em. Housewife	1	

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MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	S & C		Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months		Male or Female	Color					
1908											
Jan. 10	Herbert Ragan	34	4 20	E. Plainfield	M	S	Farmer	Cornish, N. H.	E. Plainfield	W. H. Ragan	Sarah Fiffeld
21	Pauline Empey	75	7 23	Plainfield	F	M	Housewife	Canton, N. Y.	Plainfield	Chas. Empey	Jennie Westgate
27	Mary B. Chapman	55	11 13	Plainfield	M	M	Farmer	Plainfield	France	Wm. Walker	Lucy Ladue
27	Frank P. Daniels	69	5 29	Plainfield	M	M	Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	Nat'l. Manchester	Polly Wheeler
Feb. 13	Lucy Ann Pierce	78	11 27	Plainfield	M	M	Carpenter	Bristol, R. I.	Plainfield	Wm. Walker	
22	Benj. Manchester	78	11 27	Middlesex, Vt.	M	M	Farmer	Plainfield	Cornish	Nathan Andrews	
22	Gardner Gale	48	8 25	Plainfield	M	M	Nurse	Plainfield	Cornish	Isaac Westgate	
Mar. 23	Chas. Andrews	51	11 22	Plainfield	M	M	Farmer	Plainfield	Cornish	Russell Goss	Abigail Ellis
Apr. 6	Edward J. Westgate	70	1 17	Plainfield	M	M	Farmer	Plainfield	Cornish	Isaac Lee	Susan Jackson
15	George Goss	70	1 17	Hanover	M	M	Farmer	Plainfield	Cornish	Isaac Lee	Rachel Clark
19	Harrietta Decker	91	6 1	Plainfield	F	M	Housewife	Manch'str M's	Manch'str M's	Uriah Rand	Ludith Russell
25	Maria Rand Cutts	78	5 11	Newport, N. H.	F	F	Housewife	Newport, N. H.	Newport, N. H.	Moses Fiffeld	Margaret Rand
July 8	Sarah F. Stearnes	51	7 5	E. Plainfield	F	F	Housewife	Plainfield	Vermont	Horace Pixley	Frances Wilmot
22	Clementine Newton	73	2 18	Sharon, Vt.	F	F	Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	Chas. Kenyon	Charlotte Merrill
Aug. 2	Leon C. Kenyon	27	3 21	Plainfield	M	M	Farmer	Cornish	Plainfield	John French	Elizabeth White
31	Florence E. Merrihew	10	5 9	Plainfield	F	F	Farmer	New York	Center Harbor	Mr. Rowell	Bessie P. Moore
Oct. 2	Charles French	74	6 27	Plainfield	M	M	Housewife	Plainfield	Center Harbor	John French	Harriett Berry
5	Rosette French	84	1 23	Croydon, N. H.	F	F	Housewife	Hartford, Vt.	Lynn, Mass.	Mr. Rowell	Theresa Daly
28	Geo. Coutermarsh	53	3 23	Plainfield	M	M	Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	J. Coutermarsh	Calista Jordan
Dec. 22	Rosa V. Roberts	53	3 23	Plainfield	F	F	Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	Alanson Hadley	
22	Nellie M. Carlisle	30	3 23	Plainfield	F	F	Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	Alanson Hadley	

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